

Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event

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Children's Trust Fund Grantee Success Stories

A Success Story from Berrien Health Department – Direct Service Grantee

When “Kari” was 19 and single she found out she was pregnant. Kari knew she needed to start thinking of how she would take care of her baby so the first thing she did was to sign up for WIC. She learned of the Nurse Family Partnership program while at the Berrien County Health Department. She registered at the local community college, and continued to work part time during her pregnancy. By the time Kari completed her first semester at college she delivered a baby boy.



Kari is a very attentive and caring mother. She continues to take her college classes on-line so she would not be miss a semester. Kari says the Nurse Family Partnership program has helped her learn more about how to care for her baby and it has been very encouraging.

A Success Story from Keweenaw – Direct Service Grantee

“I am Ely. I live way up north in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Over the past 3 years my family has taken part in lots of Keweenaw Family Resource Center programs. When I was born I had heart surgery and a tracheotomy. I had some special needs. Pam, my home visitor, and my mom were able to help me learn how to do lots of things. We read books, played with play dough; we had lots of projects that helped me get ready for school. Pam also gave my mom lots of tips on how to help me behave, eat healthy and clean my teeth.”



Ely is 4 years old and lives in Calumet Michigan. He lives with his mom and his 2-year-old sister. His favorite color is purple and he likes to eat pizza. Ely will be having many more surgeries as he grows. One day on the playground another child asked him “what is that in your neck?” Ely told him it was a trac to help him breathe. The classmate shrugged and walked away. A little while later Ely went back up to him and with a great big smile said” Don’t worry it doesn’t hurt.”